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Claims 13-19 and 21-30 are now in this Application, and are presented for the Examiner's consideration.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 11 and 16 were rejected under §101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1, 16 and 17 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,712,565.

In this regard, the undersigned thanks the Examiner for discovering this, and accordingly, claim 11 has been canceled.

However, as to claim 16 of the present application, the Examiner states that this is the same as claim 17 of the patent. The Examiner, however, states that claim 17 of the patent depends from claim 16 of the patent. However, this is not true. Claim 17 of the patent depends from claim 11 of the patent. If claim 17 depended from claim 16, the Examiner's assertion would be true, but since claim 17 depends from claim 11, a different combination is presented and it is respectfully submitted that a different claimed combination has been presented.

In other words, claim 16 of the present application, and in fact, all of the independent claims in the present application, include the limitation that the cross slide can be inclined in a forwards-backwards direction about a horizontal axis. The only claim that includes this limitation in the cited

patent is patent claim 16, and there are no claims in the cited patent which depend from this claim 16.

For this reason, claim 16 remains in the present application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 13-15, 17-19 and 21-30 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Since claim 11 has been canceled, claims 13, 15, 16, 18 and 26 have been rewritten in independent form.

The remaining claims depend from these claims, and it is therefore submitted that the remaining claims are therefore also in condition for allowance.

It is therefore submitted that all of the claims in the present application, including claim 16, are in condition for allowance.

Additional Claim Fee

Since there are now five independent claims in the present application, authorization to charge the undersigned's credit card for the additional \$200 fee (small entity) is provided by the attached Form PTO-2038 (Credit Card Payment Form).

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the

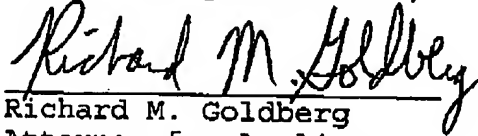
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 13-19 and 21-30 are allowable, and early and favorable consideration thereof is solicited.

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